

Discovery Committee Minutes, March 19, 2014

Present: Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Todd DeMitchell, William McKernan, Barbaros Celikkol, Sanjeev Jha, Norma Bazylnski, Dan Carchidi, Gretchen Bean, Bill Ross

Absent: PT Vasudevan, Dan Beller-McKenna, Steve Pugh, Wayne Fagerberg, Sandhya Shetty, Sean Moore

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2014

The committee took the following action:

Motion: Todd DeMitchell moved and Barbaros Celikkol seconded approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2014 meeting. **Vote:** 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

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COMP 560 – *Ethics and Law in the Digital Age* – HUMA/WI - DC agreed to table the review of this course until the next meeting pending further information from faculty.

Student Petitions:

Further discussion of student petition from February 26 meeting. Student was petitioning to meet their ETS requirement with summer abroad experience. Petition approved. (*dccolsa012814*)

Student petitioning to fulfill Discovery PS requirement with the 2 ETS courses they have completed. The petition was denied. (*jmcola010214*)

Student petitioning to fulfill ETS requirement using a summer 2013 course taken abroad due to advising error and possible lost paperwork. Petition approved. (*kocolsa030614*)

Student petition (submitted by Advisor) - request made by advisor to allow student to graduate without fulfilling DLab requirement due to advisor error. Petition approved. (*agunhm030414*)

The Committee discussed the following:

Capstone discussion

Dr. Paul Tsang, Hamel Center Director, sent forward for committee review, a request that the Capstone timeline as stated in our policy be modified to include language that makes it clear that students who have completed their junior year and have at least 90 credits (senior year status) are eligible to apply their summer SURF Abroad, SURF USA and IROP as their capstone, with major/department faculty approval. It was agreed by all members present that these are acceptable options if taken during the summer before senior year due to the fact that students are declared seniors once they have successfully completed the prior spring semester of their junior year and have earned 90 credits or more (by May). DC members agreed that the language of the Discovery Capstone policies be adjusted to reflect: The Capstone experience is typically completed by senior students within the major and is designed to elicit opportunities for educational reflection and synthesis of knowledge and skills; however, students who have completed 90 credits at the end of their junior year may complete their Capstone the summer prior to senior year. The Capstone may be met with an approved experience (as described below). It is not necessarily a course.

AY2014-15 Discovery Dialogue topic: Social Innovation

The DC decided on the title for the next Discovery Dialogue topic of Social Innovation - *Ideas for Good: A Discovery Dialogue on Social Innovation*

**Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.
Submitted by Alix Campbell**

